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The Honorable Ed Whitfield
U.S. House of Representatives
2411 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Whitfield:

I write to express my support for House Joint Resolutions 71 and 72, which are set to be examined by your panel, the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power, on November 18, 2015 and to thank you for moving these important resolutions. These resolutions, which would disapprove two industry-killing rules comprising the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) so-called Clean Power Plan (CPP), are important measures for maintaining a cost-effective supply of energy in the U.S.

The rules on "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units" and "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units" are a blatant, illegal attempt to restrict carbon dioxide emissions under the Clean Air Act. The CPP not only represents an overreach of authority by the Administration of President Barack Obama, it would also mean double-digit increases in electricity prices and hundreds of thousands of direct and indirect jobs lost across the country. It is nothing more than a blatant political power grab of America's power generation; all for no environmental benefit.

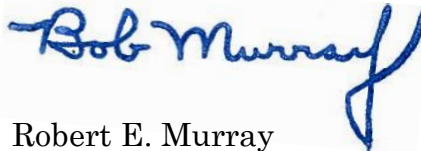
Commercial, industrial, and residential consumers in every single state in the country will pay more for electricity under these regulations. Prices are expected to rise 10 percent by 2022, and 21 percent by 2030, which equates to \$15 billion and \$32 billion, respectively, in additional aggregate costs to consumers. Between 2022 and 2030, consumers are expected to pay an additional \$214 billion overall. An estimated 41 gigawatts of power plant capacity will also be forced to close due to these regulations, requiring capital investment costs of \$64 billion to replace, much of which will fall to the states and their citizens.

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It has become nearly impossible to sustain jobs and maintain viable business operations under the strain of unadulterated overregulation by this Administration. States such as Kentucky and those represented by members on the panel which you chair will also be acutely affected by these regulations, and I encourage any effort to block their implementation.

Sincerely,

MURRAY ENERGY CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Murray". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

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